Interactive SQL Interactive SQL

# **Interactive SQL**

The Interactive SQL function of the Natural Tools for DB2 enables you to execute SQL statements dynamically.

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# **Invoking the Interactive SQL Function**

## To invoke the Interactive SQL function

• Enter function code "I" on the Natural Tools for DB2 Main Menu.

The Interactive SQL screen is displayed:

```
16:21:04
                    ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****
                                                               1999-09-30
                             - Interactive SQL -
                      Code Function
                            SQL Input Member
                        O Data Output Member
                           Help
                            Exit
                 Code.._
                            Library .. SAG____
                             Member ... ____
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
     Help
                Exit
```

The following functions are available:

Code	Description
I	Displays SQL members in the interactive SQL input screen.
О	Displays output members in the interactive SQL output screen.

The following parameters can be specified:

Parameter	Description
Library	Specifies the name of the current Natural library which contains the specified input/output members. Specification of libraries whose names begin with "SYS" is not allowed. The library name is preset with your Natural user ID.
Member	If a valid member name is specified, the corresponding member is displayed.  If a value is specified followed by an asterisk (*), all input/output members in the current library whose names begin with this value are listed.  If asterisk notation is specified only, a selection list of all input/output members in the current library is displayed.  If the Member field is left blank, the empty SQL input/output screen is displayed.

Interactive SQL SQL Input Members

## **SQL Input Members**

To invoke the SQL Input Member function enter function code "I" on the Interactive SQL screen. Depending on what member name you have specified, different screens are displayed.

## **SQL Input Screen**

If you leave the Member field blank, the empty SQL input screen is invoked:

The SQL input screen is a free-mode editor which provides a functionality similar to the one of the Software AG Editor. Using the editor you can enter or edit SQL statements via editor main and line commands. You can execute the SQL statements immediately from within the editor by pressing PF4 (Exec), or you can save them as an SQL member in a Natural library for later execution.

#### Note:

The PRINT command is not available in the SQL input screen.

Apart from the editor main and line commands, SQL code maintenance commands are also available to maintain SQL members in a Natural library. With these maintenance commands, input members can be listed, retrieved, saved in a Natural library, copied, and purged. They are entered in the command line of the input screen.

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You can also obtain a list of the available maintenance commands by entering the help character "?" in the command line of the input screen. A window is displayed from which the desired command can be selected. The window can be scrolled forwards by pressing PF8, or backwards by pressing PF7.

```
10:57:06
              ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****
                                             1999-09-30
ISQL - Input
                           S 01- -----Columns 001 072
====> ?
                                      Scroll ===> PAGE
!
                      _ List <*,Member>
                                           !
                    !
                      _ READ <Member>
                                           !
                    !
                      _ SAVE <Member>
                    !
                      _ COPY <Member>
                    !
                     _ COPY <Member> !
_ Purge <Member> !
_ LIBrary <Library> !
                    !
                    !
                      _ SELect <TB,CO> name1 name2 !
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
   Help Setup Exit Exec Rfind Rchan - + Outpu Canc
```

To assist you in coding your SQL member, exisiting DB2 tables and columns can be listed using the SELECT command. From the list, you can include table and column names into the editor.

The SELECT command is available for table and column selection:

Command	Description
SELECT TABLE [creator.]name	Selects all tables with the specified creator (optional) and name. For both <i>creator</i> and <i>name</i> , you can specify a value followed by an asterisk (*), and all tables whose names begin with this value are selected. If you specify asterisk notation only, all existing tables are selected. If you specify a table name without a creator, all tables with the specified name are selected, regardless of their creator.
SELECT COLUMN creator.name	Selects all columns of the table " <i>creator.name</i> ". Since the table must be uniquely identified, asterisk notation cannot be used.

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## Sample Input Screen with Table Listing Window

11:02:50	**** NATUR	AL Tools F	+			-+
ISQL - Input	SAG	S	!	Tab:		
===>			!	SYSIBM.*		
****	******	**** top of	!	Table Name	Creator	
		-	!	_ SYSPLANAUTH	SYSIBM	
			!	SYSPLANDEP	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSRELS	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSRESAUTH	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSSTMT	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSSTOGROUP	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSSYNONYMS	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSTABAUTH	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSTABLEPART	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSTABLES	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSTABLESPACE	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSUSEROUT	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSUSERNAMES	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSVUIEWDEP	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSVIEWS	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSVLTREE	SYSIBM	
****	******	** bottom o	!	_ SYSVOLUMES	SYSIBM	
			!	_ SYSVTREE	SYSIBM	
Enter-PF1PF2	-PF3PF4PF5	PF6PF	!			
Help Setup	Exit Exec Rfi	nd Rchan -	+-			

From the table list, you can select a table for display of its columns by marking it with "C" in front of the table name. The columns of a table are listed together with their type and length.

## Sample Input Screen with Column Listing Window

ISOL - Input SAG	!	Tab: SYSIBM.SYSTABL	ES		
===>		ias bibish bibinb	<u> </u>		
**** *****************************	!	Column Name	Type	Len	
A SELECT	!	M NAME	VARCHAR	18	
00002 FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;	!	M CREATOR	CHAR	8	
**** ****** bot	!	M TYPE	CHAR	1	
	!	M DBNAME	CHAR	8	
	!	M TSNAME	CHAR	8	
	!	_ DBID	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ OBID	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ COLCOUNT	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ EDPROC	CHAR	8	
	!	_ VALPROC	CHAR	8	
	!	_ CLUSTERTYPE	CHAR	1	
	!	_ CLUSTERRID	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ CARD	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ NPAGES	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ PCTPAGES	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ IBMREQD	CHAR	1	
	!	_ REMARKS	VARCHAR		
	!	_ PARENTS	SMALLINT	2	

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If you want to copy table or column names from a selection list into the editor, mark the corresponding table or column with "M" as shown on the previous screen. The table or column names are copied either after or before the line marked with "A" or "B" respectively, or to the top of the displayed data.

## **Sample Input Screen with Copied Column Names**

11:02:50 ***** NATURAL					-+
ISQL - Input SAG	!	Tab: SYSIBM.SYSTABLES			
====>	!				
**** ******* t	!	Column Name	Type	Len	
A SELECT	!	_ NAME	VARCHAR	18	
00002 NAME	!	_ CREATOR	CHAR	8	
00003 , CREATOR	!	_ TYPE	CHAR	1	
00004 , TYPE	!	_ DBNAME	CHAR	8	
00005 , DBNAME	!	_ TSNAME	CHAR	8	
00006 , TSNAME	!	_ DBID	SMALLINT	2	
00007 FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;	!	_ OBID	SMALLINT	2	
**** ****** bot	!	_ COLCOUNT	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ EDPROC	CHAR	8	
	!	_ VALPROC	CHAR	8	
	!	_ CLUSTERTYPE	CHAR	1	
	!	_ CLUSTERRID	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ CARD	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ NPAGES	INTEGER	4	
	!	_ PCTPAGES	SMALLINT	2	
	!	_ IBMREQD	CHAR	1	
	!	_ REMARKS	VARCHAR	254	
	!	_ PARENTS	SMALLINT	2	
Enter-PF1PF2PF3PF4PF5PF6	!				
Help Setup Exit Exec Rfind Rch	+-				_

## **Fixed Mode with Interactive SQL**

All fixed-mode input screens from the Catalog Maintenance part of the Natural Tools for DB2 are available as help maps within the Interactive SQL part. To invoke this help facility, enter the name of the SQL statement you want to create in the command line of your SQL input screen, for example, "CREATE TABLE" or "CR TB" for the CREATE TABLE command.

The same command abbreviations apply as with the Catalog Maintenance.

If you enter "CREATE TABLE" or "CR TB", the Create Table screen is invoked:

```
***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****
                                                1999-09-30
16:08:09
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                      - Create Table -
 >>--- CREATE TABLE ----- SAG
                            _ . DEMOTABLE_____ ----->
                       <creator.>table-name
 >+----- LIKE -----
                      <creator.>table/view-name
 +( COL1_____ - CHAR____ ( 20___ ) - _ - _ --
  +- COL6_____ - DECIMAL____ ( 2,5__ ) - _ - _ - X - _ - _
  +- COL7_____ - FLOAT____ ( ____ ) - _ - x -- _ -
  +- COL8 - DATE ( ) - _ - _ - _ - _ ,-+
+- COL9 - TIME ( ) - _ - _ - _ - _ ,-+
                                 _____ ) - _ -
                   format length S NN fld PR- R
     column-name
                                       M ND proc KEY C
                                                  UK D
Command ===>
Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
    Help Error Exit Incl IBack -- - + ++
                                                Next Canc
```

If you have entered data for a complete SQL statement, you can generate an SQL statement from the entered data and include it into the SQL input screen. Using PF4 (Incl), you include the generated SQL code and remain on the Create Table screen. Using PF5 (IBack), you include the generated SQL code and return to the SQL input screen.

Retrieve an SQL Member Interactive SQL

## Retrieve an SQL Member

If you specify a unique member name in the Member field of the Interactive SQL screen, the corresponding SQL member is listed on the input screen. If no member exists with the specified name, a corresponding message is returned.

### Sample SQL Member Listed in Input Screen

```
16:27:12
                ***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****
                                                 1999-09-30
               SAG(TESTSEQ) S 01- -----Columns 001 072
ISQL - Input
====>
                                            Scroll ===> PAGE
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE
00002 (COL1
                      CHAR(8),
00003
      COL2
                      INTEGER
00004 ) IN DATABASE DEMO;
00005 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00006 VALUES ('AAAAA',1);
00007 * INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00008 * VALUES ('BBBBB',2);
00009 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE;
00010 DROP TABLE DEMOTABLE;
 Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
    Help Setup Exit Exec Rfind Rchan - + Outpu
                                                    Canc
```

Listed SQL members can be purged, modified, executed, or saved.

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An asterisk (\*) in front of a statement line turns this line into a comment line, which means that the corresponding SQL code is not considered for execution.

Interactive SQL List of SQL Members

## **List of SQL Members**

If you specify a value followed by an asterisk in the Member field, a list of all SQL input members in the current library whose names begin with this value is displayed.

If you specify asterisk notation only, a list of all SQL input members in the current library is displayed.

### **Sample SQL Input Member Selection List**

Mark	Member	Type	User	Date	Time
	AAAA	SQL	SAG	1997-01-18	13:54:54
_	ADEMVIEW	SQL	SAG	1997-09-23	14:01:09
_	AIRCRAFT	SQL	SAG	1997-11-28	10:01:32
_	BBBB	SQL	SAG	1997-01-18	15:25:14
_	BSP1	SQL	SAG	1997-01-18	14:57:11
_	BSP2	SQL	SAG	1997-01-18	14:58:03
_	CCCC	SQL	SAG	1997-01-18	15:29:18
_	CREATE1	SQL	SAG	1997-01-03	10:21:48
_	CRETAA	SQL	SAG	1997-09-29	14:34:15
_	CRETAB	SQL	SAG	1997-09-29	14:33:42
_	CRETAB01	SQL	SAG	1997-09-29	15:19:02
_	CRE0001	SQL	SAG	1997-09-29	16:52:31
_	CRE00011	SQL	SAG	1997-09-29	16:56:45
_	CRE003	SQL	SAG	1997-04-26	13:28:28
_	CRE004	SQL	SAG	1997-04-26	13:28:37

From the input screen selection list, SQL members can be selected for display by marking them with an "S". If the list has been invoked by a PURGE command, members can be purged by marking them with a "P".

Data Output Members Interactive SQL

## **Data Output Members**

To invoke the Data Output Member function, enter function code "O" on the Interactive SQL screen. Depending on what member name you have specified, different screens are displayed.

## The Data Output Screen

If you leave Member field blank, the empty SQL output screen is invoked.

From the data output screen you have access to output data members only. Output members consist of data retrieved from the database as a result of executed SQL statements. These data can be browsed and saved for later use as output members on the Natural system file (FUSER). In addition to the data retrieved from the database, output members also contain DB2 status information, and the executed SQL member.

If you execute an SQL statement, the results are automatically shown on the output screen. Thus, you can enter the interactive SQL output screen also by executing an SQL statement from the input screen. From the output screen you can return to the input screen by pressing PF3 (Exit).

Interactive SQL The Data Output Screen

The maintenance commands available for output members can be displayed and selected in a window, too. The window is invoked by entering the help character "?" in the command line of the output screen.

Apart from the maintenance commands, only browse commands are available, since output members cannot be modified. Both browse and maintenance commands are entered in the command line of the output screen.

If an output member is too large to fit on your terminal screen, you can use the FIX ON n command to keep the first n characters on the screen when scrolling to the left or to the right.

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## **Retrieve an Output Member**

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If you specify a unique member name in the Member field of the Interactive SQL screen, the corresponding output member is listed on the output screen. If no member exists with the specified name, a corresponding message is returned.

### Sample Output Member Listed in Output Screen

```
***** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 *****
16:27:12
                                             1999-09-30
ISQL - Output SAG(TESTSEQO) S 02- -----Columns 001 072
                                      Scroll ===> PAGE
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE
          CHAR(8),
00002 (COL1
00003
     COL2
                   INTEGER
00004 ) IN DATABASE DEMO
00005 -----
00006 STATEMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SQLCODE = 0
00008 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00009 VALUES ('AAAAA',1)
00010 -----
00011 STATEMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SQLCODE = 0
00012 -----
00013 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE
00014 -----
00015 COL1
            COL2
00016 -----
00017 AAAAA
               1
Enter-PF1---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
   Help Exit Rfind Rchan - +
```

Interactive SQL List of Output Members

## **List of Output Members**

If you specify a value followed by an asterisk (\*) in the Member field of the Interactive SQL screen, a list of all data output members in the current library whose names begin with this value is displayed.

If you specify asterisk notation only, a list of all data output members in the current library is displayed.

### **Sample Data Output Member Selection List**

16:24:02			TOOLS FOR D	B2 ****	1999-09-30
Mark	Member	Туре	User	Date	Time
	AAAA	SQL-RESULT	SAG	1997-01-18	13:54:54
_	ADEMVIEW	SQL-RESULT	SAG	1997-10-23	14:01:09
_	AIRCRAFT	SQL-RESULT	SAG	1997-11-28	10:01:32
_	BBBB	SQL-RESULT	SAG	1997-01-18	15:25:14
_	BSP1	SQL-RESULT	SAG	1997-01-18	14:57:11

From the output member selection list, output members can be selected for display by marking them with an "S". If the list has been invoked by a PURGE command, members can be purged by marking them with a "P".

Processing SQL Statements Interactive SQL

## **Processing SQL Statements**

SQL input members can only be accessed from the input screen. They are executed from the input screen against DB2 by pressing PF4 (Exec). After execution, the data output screen appears which contains the results of the executed SQL member.

If an SQL member consists of more than one SQL statements, the individual statements must be separated by a semicolon. They can be executed one by one or all together at the same time. To choose the form of execution, a window is provided which can be invoked by pressing PF2 (Setup).

```
**** NATURAL TOOLS FOR DB2 ****
16:27:12
                                              1999-09-30
             SAG(TESTSEQ) S 01- -----Columns 001 072
ISQL - Input
                          +----+
====>
**** *************
00001 CREATE TABLE DEMOTABLE !
                             Execute statements one by one
           CHAR(8 ! X Execute all statements together !
00002 (COL1
                    INTEGE !
00004 ) IN DATABASE DEMO;
                            _ Optional Commit/Rollback
                         ! X Automatic Commit/Rollback
00005 INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00006 VALUES ('AAAAA',1);
                         !
                         ! _ Ignore positive SQL codes
00007 * INSERT INTO DEMOTABLE
00008 * VALUES ('BBBBB',2);
                         !
                         ! Text for NULL values : <NULL>___
00009 SELECT FROM DEMOTABLE;
00010 DROP TABLE DEMOTABLE;
! Maximum number of rows :
                          ! DB2 cost limit
                          ! Header Line every 15___ Data Lines
                          ! Record Length Data Session: _250
Help Setup Exit Exec Rfind Rchan - + Outpu
```

Below is information on the options provided:

- Execute Statements One By One
- Execute All Statements Together
- Automatic Commit/Rollback
- Optional Commit/Rollback
- Text For NULL Values
- Maximum Length of Columns
- Maximum Number of Rows
- DB2 Cost Limit
- Header Line Every *n* Data Lines
- Record Length Data Session

## **Execute Statements One By One**

After each SQL statement the output screen is shown. From the output screen, you can either execute the next SQL statement from the input screen by pressing PF4 (Next), or skip the remaining SQL statements and return to the input screen immediately by pressing PF3 (Exit).

### **Execute All Statements Together**

All statements are executed immediately one after the other. The output screen shows the results of all statements together.

Statements containing cursor names, host variables, or parameter markers cannot be executed with interactive SQL. Also not executed are statements available as embedded SQL only; that is, statements whose functions are automatically performed by Natural.

These statements are:

CLOSE
CONNECT
DECLARE
DELETE WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR
DESCRIBE
EXECUTE
FETCH
INCLUDE
OPEN
PREPARE
SELECT INTO
SET host-variable
SET CURRENT PACKAGESET
UPDATE WHERE CURRENT OF CURSOR
WHENEVER

Automatic Commit/Rollback Interactive SQL

#### **Automatic Commit/Rollback**

If you select automatic commit/rollback, each modification of the database is automatically either committed or rolled back, depending on whether all the SQL statements involved execute successfully. If so, an SQL COMMIT WORK command is executed; if not, an SQL ROLLBACK command backs out all database modifications since the last commit point.

## **Optional Commit/Rollback**

If you select optional commit/rollback, a window is invoked after each SQL statement, offering you the option to either commit or roll back the resulting database modifications shown on the screen.

#### Note:

Since under CICS and IMS/TM each terminal I/O results in a SYNCPOINT, the optional commit/rollback feature only applies in a TSO environment.

In all environments, you can include SQL COMMIT and ROLLBACK commands in your input member, too. Under CICS and IMS/TM, however, these commands are translated into the corresponding TP-monitor calls.

#### **Text For NULL Values**

The text that is to be shown for NULL values can be specified here; the default string is '---'.

### **Maximum Length of Columns**

Limits the length for a single column to *n* characters. This limit only applies to character data. DATE, TIME, or NUMERIC columns are not truncated. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

#### **Maximum Number of Rows**

Limits the number of rows returned by one SELECT statement. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

### **DB2 Cost Limit**

Sets a limit for the DB2 cost estimate. SELECT statements which exceed this limit are not executed. The value 0 indicates that no limit exists.

## Header Line Every *n* Data Lines

For SELECT statements, you can specify that every n data lines a header line is inserted with the names of the selected columns. If n is set to 0, only one header line is displayed at the top of the data.

## **Record Length Data Session**

The record length (n) for the output session can be specified. If the specified record length is smaller than the record length of the output data, the output records are truncated accordingly. The truncation of records is indicated by a "greater than" character (>) as the leftmost character in the first line beneath each header line. The default value for "n" is 250 bytes.

Interactive SQL PF-Key Settings

# **PF-Key Settings**

The following PF-key settings apply to the input screen:

Key	Setting	Function
PF2	Setup	Invokes a window with further processing options.
PF4	Exec	Executes the SQL member currently in the input screen.
PF5	Rfind	Repeats the last executed FIND command.
PF6	Rchan	Repeats the last executed CHANGE command.
PF7	-	Scrolls the display one page backward.
PF8	+	Scrolls the display one page forward.
PF9	Outpu	Invokes the output member selection list directly from within the input screen.

Apart from PF2 (Setup), PF4 (Exec), and PF9 (Outpu), the same PF-key settings apply to the output screen, too. In addition, the following PF-key settings are available:

Key	Setting	Function
PF4	Next	Executes the next SQL statement if an SQL member consists of more than one statement, and if you have chosen to execute them one after the other.  If not, the setting for PF4 is left blank.
PF10	<	Scrolls the display of the output screen to the left.
PF11	>	Scrolls the display of the output screen to the right.

# **Unloading Interactive SQL Results**

Results from interactive SQL are unloaded and written to a dataset referred to by DD name CMWKF01 in batch mode using the UNLDDATA command.

CMWKF01 should be of variable record format; the record length depends on the size of the SQL output member and can range from 250 to 4000 bytes.

If UNLDDATA is issued in library SYSDB2, the Unload SQL Results menu is displayed:

The following function is available:

Code	Description
U	Unloads results from interactive SQL execution.

The following parameters apply:

Parameter	Description
Library	Specifies the name of the Natural library from which the specified output members are to be unloaded. You cannot specify libraries whose names begin with "SYS".  This parameter must be specified.
Member	Specifies the name(s) of the output member(s) to be unloaded.  This parameter must be specified.